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POLITICAL

Activities of HAJ AMIN HUSAINI in DAMASCUS

1. The Ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj AMIN HUSAINI has been staying at the NEW UBAYAD Hotel in Damascus, as he has been refused permission to go to Jerusalem by the Jordanian authorities. Damascus is as near as the ex-Mufti can get to the Moslem Congress at present meeting in Jerusalem, and he is daily on the telephone to his supporters at the Congress.
2. Haj AMIN is also filling up his time by constant visits to the Palestinian refugees and tightening his contacts with the Arab Committee in Damascus which still exists under the leadership of AL TAMIMI. Apart from his propaganda in favour of recruiting and arming Palestinian refugees for incorporation in the Arab armies, the Haj is not openly making any political statements, but is steadily tightening his grip on the refugees in Syria.